

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Wednesday, 6 March 2019

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

S Dugan

J M Englefield

M J Ford, JP

Mrs K K Trott

Deputies: K A Barton

R H Price, JP



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 28 November 2018.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

To receive and declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Hampshire Cultural Trust - Westbury Manor Museum (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive a presentation from the Hampshire Cultural Trust providing an overview of the performance of the Westbury Manor Museum since it reopened in 2017.

7. Executive Business (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that falls under the remit of Leisure and Community Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

(1) Ferneham Hall Vision Review (Pages 13 - 14)

(2) Hampshire Physical Activity Strategy 2017-21 (Pages 15 - 16)

(3) Matched Funding: Sarisbury Cricket Club (Pages 17 - 18)

(4) Community Fund Application - Seafarers Sailing Club (Pages 19 - 22)

8. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Leisure and Community Panel.



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Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 28 November 2018

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, S Dugan, M J Ford, JP and Mrs K K Trott

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor J M Englefield.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel held on the 07 November 2018 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

In accordance with the Standing Orders and the Council's code of Conduct for Members, Councillor Ford declared a non-pecuniary interest for Item 6(1) as he is on the Management Committee for St Mary's Church, Hook with Warsash.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which fall under the remit of the Leisure and Community Portfolio, including individual Executive Member decisions, that have taken place since the last meeting of the Scrutiny Panel on the 07 November 2018.

The Panel considered the decision shown at item 6(1).

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel considered the items of Executive Business.

(1) Community Fund Application - St Mary's Church, Hook with Warsash

Councillor Ford declared a non-pecuniary interest for Item 6(1) as he is on the Management Committee for St Mary's Church, Hook with Warsash.

No comments were received.

7. FERNEHAM HALL VISION REVIEW

The Panel received a presentation from the Customer Engagement Manager, which provided Members with a summary of the recent consultation results and findings. The presentation is appended to these Minutes.

Members then considered the report by the Head of Leisure and Corporate Services which set out the details of the proposed changes to the Ferneham Hall Vision: -

- Increase the auditorium to around 800 seats.
- Emphasise flexibility of second performance space.
- Replace 'dance studio' with 'flexible' studio space.

An in-depth question and answer session took place between Members and Officers to better understand reasons for the proposed changes to the 'Vision: Fareham's New Entertainment Venue' document.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel considered the Ferneham Hall Vision Review report and support the proposed update to the 'Vision: Fareham's New Entertainment Venue' document.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman addressed the Panel to ask them to consider a tabled document for this item. A draft scoping report has been prepared by Officers to extend an invitation to Westbury Manor Museum. The Museum was identified by Members at the previous meeting as a key priority of the Panel.

Members, overall were happy with the report but have asked for Officers to look to focus the questions around marketing and remove the 6th bullet point from the report.

RESOLVED that, subject to the amendments put forward by Members, the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel approve the scoping report.

(The meeting started at 2.00 pm
and ended at 3.00 pm).

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Presentation to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 06 March 2019

Report of: Head of Leisure and Corporate Services

Subject: HAMPSHIRE CULTURAL TRUST - WESTBURY MANOR MUSEUM

SUMMARY

At the 05 September Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Meeting Members identified Westbury Manor Museum as a key topic of interest within the Leisure and Community Corporate Priorities. Subsequently, the Panel formulated a scoping report which was finalised at the 28 November Leisure and Community Panel meeting, inviting the Hampshire Cultural Trust to this meeting to provide an overview of how the Museum has been performing since it reopened in the Summer of 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are now invited to consider and comment on the contents of the presentation.

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 06 March 2019
Report of: Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Subject: EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of this Scrutiny Panel is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to account in the delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business which fall under the remit of the Leisure and Community portfolio and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the items of Business discharged by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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2018/19
Decision No.
2070

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 December 2018

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Ferneham Hall Vision Review
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

To provide feedback from the recent consultation on the Council's vision to remodel Ferneham Hall and seek approval for amendments to the vision.

The Council's vision for a remodelled Ferneham Hall was approved by the Executive on 09 July 2018. The vision is a living document and is designed to evolve as more is understood about the needs of the public, hirers and potential operators.

A consultation on the Council's vision took place between 17 August and 01 October 2018. Whilst most of the vision was widely supported, the proposal to reduce the size of the main auditorium and the provision of a dedicated 'Dance Studio' both received a mixed response.

A large proportion of the public and a number of industry experts and potential operators felt that having 800 seats in the main auditorium would attract both more shows and higher quality productions. Many also felt that having a Flexible Studio Space would encourage a greater variety of uses and therefore more bookings than a dedicated Dance Studio.

It is therefore proposed that the vision is updated to include a larger main auditorium and the provision of a Flexible Studio Space.

Options Considered:

The comments from the Leisure & Community Scrutiny Panel, as set out in minute 7, were taken into account in considering this item.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, the Chairman of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that, having considered the feedback from the vision consultation, the Executive approves the following minor changes to the 'A Vision: Fareham's New Entertainment Venue' document attached at Appendix A to the report:

- Amend the text relating to the number of seats needed to attract shows (Ferneham Hall Today paragraph's 4 and 5) to

'Ferneham Hall's capacity of 708 seats is not high enough to attract the quality of performers that many people want to see, with shows only reaching an average of 53% capacity, or 372 seats.

Theatres with around 800 seats can generally attract higher profile and better-quality shows, generating more income through tickets sales and 'on the night' spending such as on food and drink.'

- Replace 'dance studio' with 'flexible studio space' (A Vision for the Future, page 9 and Design Priorities, page 11) to highlight the space's potential for different types of activity.

- Amend the text relating to the main auditorium size to reflect feedback stating that more seating would help improve the venues offer:

'Improve the comfort of the main auditorium and increase the size to around 800 seats to attract better quality shows' (Design Priorities, page 11).

- Add 'flexible' to the priority of having a secondary performance space to reflect its multi-use nature (Design Priorities, page 11).

Reason:

The Council's vision for a remodelled Ferneham Hall is a living document and should be updated to ensure it meets the needs of the public, hirers and potential operators.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 3 December 2018

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2018/19
Decision No.
2071

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 December 2018

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Hampshire Physical Activity Strategy 2017-21
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

To help reduce levels of physical inactivity in the Borough of Fareham.

'Energise Me' is the name of the County Sports Partnership covering the geographical area of Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton. It is part of a national network of 43 county sports partnerships across England committed to tackling inactivity.

Their focus is to encourage the adoption of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Physical Activity Strategy 2017-21 and the framework it provides, to bring about a transformational change in levels of inactivity.

In Fareham, the level of inactivity in the male population is 22.3% but in the female population it rises to 29.1%. This inequality gap is mirrored both nationally and across the partnership area. The most inactive areas in Fareham are Portchester, Fareham North West and Fareham South.

Energise Me are promoting a collaborative approach to transforming levels of physical activity in our communities. A draft Memorandum of Understanding between Energise Me and Fareham Borough Council is contained in Appendix A.

The Memorandum of Understanding sets out the support that Energise Me will provide, and the Council's role in the delivery of the Physical Activity Strategy. There is an annual subscription of £5,125 that the Council will need to pay to receive the support from Energise Me.

Options Considered:

Councillor S D T Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of this item as he is a Hampshire County Council Appointed Trustee of Energise Me.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the memorandum of understanding with Energise Me to help deliver the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Physical Activity Strategy 2017 to 2021, subject to a review of the funding agreement after 1 year.

Reason:

To help reduce levels of physical inactivity in the Borough of Fareham.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 3 December 2018

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2018/19
Decision No.
2076

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 January 2019

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Matched Funding: Sarisbury Cricket Club
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	(All Corporate Priorities)

Purpose:

To provide details of the matched funding request received by the Council during the third quarter of the 2018/19 financial year.

A matched funding bid has been received from Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club towards the cost of the reconfiguration of the changing rooms at the Club's premises at Allotment Road Recreation Ground, Sarisbury.

It is anticipated that the proposed changes to the layout will increase capacity and accommodate the inclusion of indoor toilets, in addition to increasing the useable space in the clubhouse in such a way as to maximise the space available for other community organisations to hire.

The total cost of the project is £48,000 of which Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club has applied to Hampshire County Council's Community Buildings Fund for £16,000.

The club currently has £5,000 pledged in sponsorship from local businesses for the project and, as of the accounting period ending September 2018, had £14,117 listed in current assets.

Sarisbury Athletic Club has requested £16,000 towards their project to reconfigure the changing rooms.

This grant award is critical to the delivery of the project and is also needed to secure the other source of grant funding.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees the award of a matched funding grant of £16,000 to Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club to reconfigure the changing rooms at their clubhouse at Allotment Road Recreation Ground, Sarisbury, subject to:

- (a) Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club producing the final detailed plans, in addition to written consents and permissions from Planning and Building Control;
- (b) Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club agreeing terms for community use as set out in the Community Fund Agreement in Appendix A and Community Fund Award letter as set out in Appendix B; and
- (c) Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club providing written acknowledgement of a successful application to the Hampshire County Council Community Buildings Fund for the £16,000 to match Fareham Borough Council's contribution.

Reason:

To act as an enabler, assisting the local community to introduce new and improved facilities within the community.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 7 January 2019

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2018/19
Decision No.
2088

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Leisure and Community Tuesday, 12 February 2019

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application - Seafarers Sailing Club
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Fund Programme.

An application for community funding has been received from the Seafarers Sailing Club for the sum of £4,999 to contribute towards a replacement tractor. The Club currently has a 7-year-old tractor, which they use for the safe launch and recovery of the Club's boats at every sailing event. Due to the constant contact with salt water, this tractor is becoming unreliable and is no longer fit for purpose.

Seafarers Sailing Club is a not-for-profit organisation that operates from its Clubhouse in Hill Head. Its objectives are to encourage the sport of sailing and improve seamanship. The Club currently has 140 members, many of whom have memberships that entitle their family members to use the facility. In addition, for the past 5 years, the Club has provided sailing experiences for young people as part of the Council's Access All Areas scheme. In 2018, the numbers of young people participating in this free activity was in advance of 50.

The Club plans, in 2019, to hold a 'Push the Boat Out Event' at which non-club members of all ages are encouraged to try sailing, following which a sailing course will be run for anyone wishing to develop their interest. The Club is also expanding its offer, to give children as young as 5 years old suitable sailing experiences. With this in mind, the Club has recently invested in 3 small dinghies.

The Club provides safety boat support during the annual kite surfing weekend regatta, and last year offered 12 local Air Cadets an evening of sailing.

The cost of a replacement tractor has been identified at £9,000 plus delivery costs. The Club has a Tractor replacement fund that had £9,120 budgeted for 18/19. However, the Club has had some unexpected expenses such as the replacement of the external security shutters which has been costed at £5,000. The Club plans to relocate funds from the tractor fund to cover this cost.

The Club last benefitted from Community Funding in 2015, when it was awarded £4,999 in contribution towards 2 replacement dinghies.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillors Mandry and Dugan, are strongly supportive of the application.

A condition of the funding will also be for the club to have the Fareham Borough Council logo displayed on the tractor.

Options Considered:

That the application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Seafarers Sailing Club to contribute to the purchase of a replacement tractor be approved.

Decision:

That the application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Seafarers Sailing Club to contribute to the purchase of a replacement tractor be approved.

Reason:

This application meets the agreed Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Confirmed as a true record:

Executive Member for Leisure and Community (Councillor Miss S Bell)
Tuesday, 12 February 2019

